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Deputy Director

Executive for A&M

Employment Review Board

1. I concur in paragraph 1.

2. a. ~~Do~~ not concur. Board recorder should inform Personnel Branch, with instructions for restricted handling. We should continue to make the Employee Relations Division the main point of contact for these people, and we should not set up a separate administrative activity on the part of the Board. We should also continue to keep Office Heads advised of these actions.

b. I do recommend, however, that where we can we should indicate, in our written notification to individuals, broadly why we are considering their cases, such as:

Personal associations
Indications of connections with subversive activities
Indiscreet public comments

c. Individuals outside of Washington cannot be called personally except at own expense.

3. No employee will henceforth be put on LWOP status on this account. I gave instructions some time ago to handle all future cases on a leave basis. I continue to believe, however, that if we feel that we have sufficient basis to formally consider a case before the Board, and call for statements from or personal appearance of individuals concerned, we are not justified in permitting them to come to work until final action has been determined.

4. You and the Director must determine this. My personal reaction would be one of relief. Actually, it might be better to have the recording done by a non-member with no other interest in the proceedings. Suggest that we consider [redacted] for this purpose.

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